

November 25, 2013

Denny Bergstrom  
GM-Dell Telephone Cooperative  
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Dell City, TX 79837

Re: USF caps


Dear Mr. Bergstrom,

We have engaged in many conversations, both in the boardroom and by other communication venues, discussing the rules, regression analysis and funding caps instituted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC has more or less indicated an unwillingness to enter a waiver in our particular case regardless of the overwhelming documentation presented by Dell Telephone supporting the necessity for Dell Telephone's cost allocations.

These decisions by the FCC have not only put in serious jeopardy our ability to service RUS loans, but to maintain the level of broadband services required by the current administration's Broadband Initiatives. There are other rules and regulations, required by telephone cooperatives by the Rural Utilities Services (RUS), for providing service to members and other citizens that move into our designated territory and serving area. Dell Telephone is required to offer membership and telephone service, upon request, to those individuals. Without required level of cost support, documented by our cost consultants and auditors, we at Dell Telephone are unable to provide the service requested. This puts Dell Telephone in direct violation of RUS governing regulations and in an illegal position. Has the FCC and RUS, who have become competing federal agencies, even considered these matters? If so, where are their documentary expose's showing the cooperation and coordination between the two agencies?

I would hope in the ongoing process in dealing with the FCC changes, that you, as the top representative for Dell Telephone, will be able to illuminate these issues in your conversations and travel to Washington, D.C. in the coming days. Many of these questions appear not to have been entered into the discussions concerning the FCC rule changes. Let's hope that someone might have the answers to the questions and action will be affected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Jones". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bobby Jones  
President-Dell Telephone Cooperative